

REMARKS

1. After entry of this paper, claims 27, 28 and 30-38 are pending in the application.
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 21-26 and 34-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by JP 2003-068209 (the '209 document).

Claims 21-26 have been cancelled.

Claims 34-36 require inter alia, " . . . at least one pad having an oval shape."

In contrast, the '209 document discloses in FIG. 8 a pad having a circular shape. There is no disclosure of an oval shape pad in the '209 document. Thus, the '209 document fails to describe, teach or suggest the subject matter of claims 34-36. Accordingly, claims 34-36 are allowable over the '209 document.

Claims 37 and 38 require inter alia, " . . . at least one pad including tapering end sections and a bulging inner section, one of the tapering end sections connected with the at least one bus line conductor."

In contrast, the '209 document discloses in FIG. 8 a pad having a circular shape. There is no disclosure in the '209 document of a pad having tapering end sections and a bulging inner section. Thus, the '209 document fails to describe, teach or suggest the subject matter of claims 37 and 38. Accordingly, claims 37 and 38 are allowable over the '209 document.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

3. Claims 27-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 06-044907 (the '907 document).

Claim 27 has been amended with the subject matter of cancelled claim 29 and now recites inter alia, " . . . wherein the interior portion of the at least one pad includes blunted triangular shape end portions, one of the end portions connecting with the at least one bus line conductor."

Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form and recites inter alia, " . . . the at least one pad has an octagonal shape."

In contrast, the '907 document discloses a hexagonal shape pad. There is no disclosure in the '907 document of a pad having an interior portion with blunted triangular shape end portions, one of which connects with a bus line conductor. Moreover, the '907 document does not disclose an octagonal shape pad. Thus, the '907 document fails to describe, teach or suggest the subject matter of claims 27, 28 and 31-33. Accordingly, claims 27, 28 and 31-33 are allowable over the '907 document.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

4. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and, further, that claims 27, 28 and 30-38 are in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions or matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, which are associated with this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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